But rather one that smiles, and still invites [4] All that pass by. It cannot hold ; no reason Can found his state in safety \ Caphis, ho ! Caphis, I say !

Enter

CAPH. Here, sir ; What is your pleasure ?

SEN. Get on your cloak, and haste you to lord

Tiinon ; Importune him for my monies ; be not ceas'd [6]

4 -----No porter at his gate;
But rather one that smiles, and still invites —] I imagine that a line is lost here, in which the behaviour of a surly porter was described. JOHNSON.

There is no occasion to suppose the loss of a line. *Sternness* was the characteristic of a porter. There appeared at Killing-worth castle, [1575] " a *porter* tall of parson, big of lim, and *stearn* of *countinauns"* FARMER.

So also, in A Knight's Conjuring, &c. by Decker: " You mistake, if you imagine that Plutoes *porter* is like one of those big fellowes that stand like gyants at Lordes gates, &c.—yet hee's as *surly* as those key-turners are." STEEVENS.

The word—one, in the second line, does not refer to porter., but means a person. He has no stern forbidding porter at hrs gate to keep people out, but a person who invites them in.

M. MASON.

5----------no reason
Can FOUND his state in safety.] [Old copy—sound.~\ The supposed meaning of this must be,—No reason, by *sounding, fathoming,* or *trying,* his state *c&njind* it safe. But, as the words stand, they imply that no reason can *safely* sound his state. I read thus:

« ,-----no reason
" Can *found* his state in safety."

Reason cannot find his fortune to have any *safe* or solidjftww-*dation.*

The types of the first printer of this play were so worn and defaced, that/"and/are not always to be distinguished.

JOHNSON.

The following passage in Macbeth affords countenance to Dr. Johnson's emendation :

* Whole as the marble, *founded* as the rock;
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STEEVENS.